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SUBJECT: W/W LILLIAN LOUISE NASLUND

REF: LENINGRAD 1154

1. CONSOFF VISITED MISS NASLUND IN VYBORG HOSPITAL ON EVENING OF JULY 29 AND FOUND HER FEELING BETTER, BUT EAGER TO RETURN HOME. SPECIFICALLY, MISS NASLUND, WHO SUFFERED A FRACTURED LUMBAR VERTEBRA, REPORTS HAVING NO PAIN SINCE LAST FRIDAY. APPARENTLY ON HER URGING, DOCTORS HAVE AGREED THAT SHE MAY BE DISCHARGED AT ANY TIME IF SHE WISHES TO GO, ALTHOUGH DURING CONSOFF'S VISIT TO VYBORG A WEEK AGO THEY INDICATED SHE COULD NOT TRAVEL FOR AT LEAST TWO WEEKS. DOCTORS SPECIFY THAT MISS NASLUND MUST TRAVEL ON A STRETCHER.

2. UPON MISS NASLUND'S REQUEST, RECEIVED BY TELEPHONE ON TUESDAY, CONGEN ATTEMPTED TO BOOK A FLIGHT FOR HER FOR TODAY, JULY 30, BUT WAS UNABLE TO CONFIRM RESERVATIONS ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE. THE AIRLINE WITH THE MOST CONVENIENT ROUTING, SAS, INFORMED CONGEN, IN ADDITION, THAT THEY CANNOT ACCEPT MISS NASLUND WITHOUT A MEDICAL ESCORT. THE TOTAL COST OF HER TRIP FROM LENINGRAD TO DULUTH, THEREFORE, WILL BE ABOUT \$3000. THIS WILL INCLUDE THE COST OF THE SPECIAL ON-BOARD STRETCHER ARRANGEMENT PLUS THE ROUND TRIP FARE OF THE ESCORT.

3. CONGEN HAS AGAIN ATTEMPTED TO BOOK A FLIGHT FOR MISS NASLUND
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FOR NEXT FRIDAY, AUGUST 6 AND IS AWAITING CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED

ITINERARY. COUNTING THE VALUE OF THE UNUSED PORTION OF HER PRESENT TICKET HOME PLUS CASH SHE HAS WITH HER, MISS NASLUND DISPOSES OF SOME \$1500. SHE REPORTS RESERVES OF CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT PLUS \$1500 IN CHASE IN THE FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, 2ND AVE. WEST AND SUPERIOR STREET, DULUTH, BUT SHE IS UNABLE TO RECALL WHETHER THAT INSTITUTION HAS HER POWER OF ATTORNEY. IT MAY THEREFORE BE DIFFICULT TO TAP THAT SOURCE FROM HERE. MEANWHILE, CONGEN HAS BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GATEWAY GLOBUS TOURS OF LUGANO, SWITZERLAND, ON WHOSE BUS MISS NASLUND WAS INJURED. GLOBUS MAY OFFER TO PAY THE COST OF HER TRIP HOME. IF NOT, AN EMERGENCY REPATRIATION LOAN MAY HAVE TO BE ARRANGED. PENDING WORD FROM GATEWAY GLOBUS TOURS, WOULD SCS PLEASE CONTACT FIRST FEDERAL IN DULUTH TO DISCOVER WHETHER THEY CAN WIRE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1500. TO SCS FOR USE IN COVERING COST OF HER TICKET AND HER ESCORT'S ROUND TRIP TICKET? PLEASE INFORM CONGEN OF RESULTS OF INQUIRY.

4. PLEASE INFORM MRS. ANNE SPIEGEL (MRS. WAYNE SPIEGEL) OF 18TH. AVE. EAST, DULUTH THAT MISS NASLUND TENTATIVELY PLANS TO RETURN HOME ON AUGUST 6 AND REQUESTS TO BE MET. SHE WILL REQUIRE AMBULANCE SERVICE AND HOSPITALIZATION. CONGEN WILL SEND IMMEDIATE NOTICE AS SOON AS RESERVATIONS ARE CONFIRMED AND MEANS OF PAYMENT ASSURED. YOU MAY ALSO INFORM FLORENCE SPRAKER, 666 JACKSON ST., APT. 413, GARY, INDIANA AND EVA NASLUND, 506 11TH AVE. EAST, DULUTH THAT MISS NASLUND IS FEELING BETTER, IS EAGER TO RETURN, AND TENTATIVELY PLANS TO RETURN ON AUGUST 6.

5. PROPOSED ITINERARY:

DEP LNGL SU 637 1115 HOURS AUG 6
ARR CPHGN SU 637 1110 HOURS AUG 6
DEP CPHGN SK 945 1155 HOURS AUG 6
ARR CHGO SK 945 1700 HOURS AUG 6
DEP CHGO NC 491 1000 HOURS AUG 6
ARR DLUTH NC 491 0053 HOURS AUG 7
(NC-NORTH CENTRAL AIRLINES)

6. EVEN WITH AN ESCORT TO HELP HER, THIS PROMISES TO BE A GRUELLING TRIP THAT WILL BEGIN ABOUT SIX IN THE MORNING OF AUGUST 6 WITH A HUNDRED MILE AMBULANCE RIDE OVER POOR ROAD FROM VYBORY
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TO LENINGRAD. MISS NASLUND IS UNDERTAKING IT AGAINST ADVICE OF CONSOFF, AND ALTHOUGH DOCTORS IN VYBORD ASSURE HER AND US THAT SHE CAN "ENDURE" THE TRIP, THEY ADMIT PRIVATELY THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR HER TO WAIT AWHILE TO IMPROVE HER CONDITION.

7. CONGEN WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT TWO FACTS OF THE CASE REPORTED REFTEL. THE INJURY OCCURRED ON JULY 18 RATHER THAN 19 AND THE FRACTURE SHOULD BE DESCRIBED AS A "CLOSED COMPRESSION FRACTURE"

RATHER THAN AN "OPEN COMPRESSION FRACTURE."

8. CONGEN EXPECTS CONFIRMATION OF ITINERARY BY MONDAY, AUG 2.
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